TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2084 - HB 2120

March 5, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a credit card company to credit a payment made to a consumer's account on the date the payment was postmarked if sent via U.S. Postal Service. Makes a violation of this requirement an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Tennessee Consumer Act of 1977.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue - Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Violations of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 are punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action, or as a Class B misdemeanor.
- Any cost for an increase in complaints of violation of this requirement to the Division of Consumer Affairs can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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